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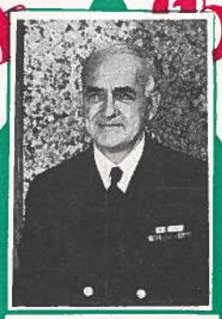

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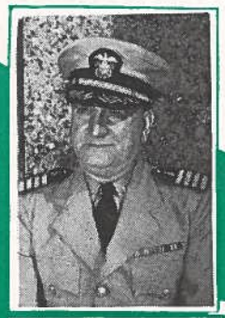

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AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON... SO FRAUGHT WITH MEMORIES OF HOME AND LOVED ONES... WE ALL HAVE A UNIFIED THOUGHT AND PURPOSE; NAMELY, TO SO DO OUR PARTICULAR TASK THAT WE SHALL SPEED THE ULTIMATE VICTORY, AND RETURN TO A WORLD IN WHICH THE PHRASE *"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MAN"* IS A WORKING PRINCIPLE.

MAY I TAKE THIS MEANS OF EXTENDING SEASON'S GREETINGS TO MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AND PATIENTS ATTACHED TO THIS COMMAND.

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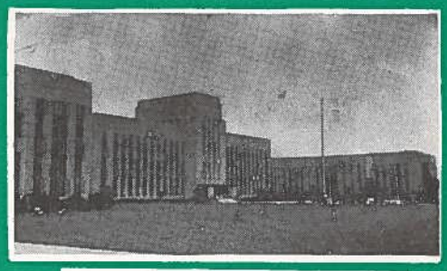

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DOWN THE HOME STRETCH

The war might be likened to a race in that, after months and years of grooming and training, our combat teams are beginning to show thoroughbred form.

Class will tell, and every day the news reports of our victories show that we out-class our adversaries.

Those stationed ashore are apt to feel that these winning teams are something apart—something in which they have no share.

Nothing could be further from the facts.

No matter what small function is performed by those at home, it must be remembered that this function is part of a master plan whose worth is proven by the battle victories of our forces on land and sea.

Let one of us fail to perform and the end result is seen in a sum total of many such failures causing hardships on the widespread battle fronts where failures mean one thing—DEFEAT.

Our length of service will be determined in a great measure by our spirit.

Now—like the thoroughbred straining to get his nose over the line—it is up to every individual in the service to do his utmost to keep our great teams rolling along to their final aim—COMPLETE VICTORY.

"We Lift Our Battered Helmets"

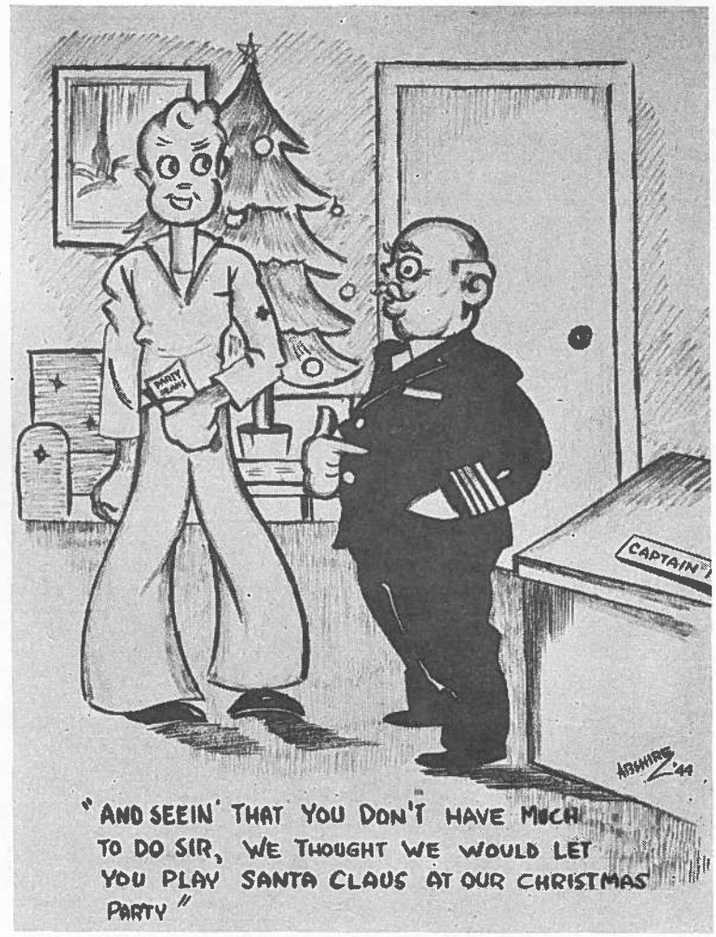
(The above quotation is that of General Vandergriff, and was the inspiration for the following poem.)

By Mary O'Hare

Aye, where fighting men assemble,
On home or foreign scene,
Will be retold the eulogy
Of the battle-scarred Marine.
Voicing a brave man's tribute
To the bravest of the brave!
Heroes that shall live forever
Where the Stars and Stripes wave—
"We lift our battered helmets
In tribute to those men!"

When brave men shall foregather
From the utmost ends of earth,
Their epic cruise shall be retold
Where courage knows no dearth!
U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO led
Between enemy ships and guns
Her squadron through blazing gauntlet
Nor dipped colors to Rising Suns!
"We lift our battered helmets
In tribute to those men!"

With final "Battle Stations" sounded,
For a doughty Admiral—
The enemy routed; dispersed;
Our Forces held Guadalcanal!
Sheer, rugged, stark courage
In every Solomon Isle and fen!
Gave forth the perfect tribute
By the heroic Marine when—
"We lift our battered helmets
In tribute to those men!"



Detail Desk

Chief Washburn is off the sick list and is back at the detail desk in the Hospital Corps office.

This is not a new detail for the Chief. Before reporting for duty at this hospital on 18 September 1944, he was on duty at the detail desk with Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet overseas. This activity handled detailing of 33,000 hospital corpsmen throughout the Pacific fleet. The average monthly turnover in that office was 600 men.

Prior to that, Chief Washburn was on the detail desk at USNH, San Diego, California.

Twenty-six years of service have given the Chief a veritable storehouse of Navy "know how."

Send Your Aorta Home

Advancement in Rate

The following advancements in rate were made during the month of November:

To HA1/c—O. A. Brown (who topped the list with a mark of 3.9), W. L. Dundas, R. W. France, A. Goldman, W. L. Weir, L. J. Alexander, D. C. Beck, J. H. Beardsley, B. Brown, C. C. Creekmore, O. T. Gibson, B. Kaufman, J. W. Kirk, H. R. Stoller, E. C. Angell, J. F. Boehning, F. M. Caldwell, F. G. Hunter, O. E. Kelley, D. C. McNeill, J. H. Pettigrew, A. C. Jones, S. M. Singer, D. A. Corwin, J. B. Misek, F. Phillips, R. Raben, D. R. Rayman, C. R. Shell, D. Smith, J. E. Harvey, G. P. Smith, G. V. Blasingame, E. W. Logan, E. Fishler, R. J. Prescott, I. R. Yarosh, R. E. Hodson.

To PhM3/c—B. Illman and H. A. Johnson (both of whom topped the list with marks of 4.0), L. L. Hassie, J. F. O'Connell, B. S. Spellen, H. R. Foster, M. L. Jones, R. E. Kabel, R. F. King, H. Raleigh, E. B. Wilbur, T. A. Gratton, R. Broyl, T. E. McCloskey, M. S. Rathbun, W. H. Reams, J. Kitchak, A. M. Roberson, W. E. Chadwick, P. Utter, B. A. Thompson, G. F. Elmore.

SCOOP

Capt. Allan Hancock will again bring his musical ensemble to our hospital. Time: 1915. Date: December 27, 1944. Place: Auditorium.

Lansing, Mich. (CNS) — A local resident, wed four weeks, asked the judge for a divorce. His complaint: "My eyeglasses were out of focus when I married her."

Capt. P. M. Albright, Medical Officer in Command, is seen above accepting a check from members of the Long Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce. This money will be used to furnish a ward solarium. The members of this Chamber of Commerce have been untiring in their efforts for the hospital—considering it as a valuable adjunct to Long Beach, worthy of civic pride.

The Book Corner

By Nancy Haynes, Librarian

A Review of "The Green Years" by A. J. Cronin

Shannon was orphaned when he was six years old. Having no relatives save his mother's parents, he was sent to them by a kind neighbor in Dublin, to Scotland. Although his mother's father had disowned his daughter upon her marriage to a gay, unthrifty, lovable Irishman, he had to take her son out of a sense of duty and family pride.

The boy grew like a sapling in a strong, cold wind, blown and bent in his green years of disappointment and struggle. Yet his dreams were not dimmed by circumstance and bitterness. He knew they would never materialize, yet there was some joy in keeping them as they were in his thinking; but he was wrong, for when he was 18 they were suddenly realized, and like a flood of sunshine coming unexpectedly on a cold winter morning his life began anew.

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Miss Virginia Parker, our second librarian, is a Californian. Her home is in Pomona, you would know this for in her speech now and then she speaks of inconvenient times when her father's orange grove had to be "smudged." The smoke and dirt of smudging must be something that wives and families of orange growers dread.

After finishing college at Pomona, Miss Parker went to Library School at the University of California in Berkeley. She then worked at Stanford for several years in the library, then took a position at U.C.L.A. prior to coming to our hospital.

You will see her a great deal at the desk or in the office of the library, and also on the C and B wards which she has taken over for ward trips.

She is here to help you in the library and on the wards, and also to be your friend.

Traffic Cop: "Use your noodle, lady—use your noodle!"

Lady: "My goodness! Where is it? I've pushed and pulled everything in the car."

Did You Know

That W. A. Sandige, civil employee, is head gardner at this hospital? During the two years he has been here the planting of all greens and flowers has been under his supervision.

His department raises all shrubs and flower plants from cuttings and seedings, making their purchase on the outside practically unnecessary.

Ten men are on the landscape crew, but many more would be needed were it not for the modern equipment used by the department. Their proudest possession is a lawn mower that cuts a 10-foot swath. When it is considered that there are more than 12 acres of lawn—six of which are in the front of the hospital—you know that there is an endless lawn-cutting job to be done.

Over 500 yards of manure are needed yearly as fertilizer.

A civilian visitor recently misconstrued the intent of the "Out of Bounds" signs seen about the grounds. He thought that they meant "Keep off the Grass." Mr. Sandige emphasizes that the visitor was wrong, and that patients are always welcome to stretch out on the grass for their sun baths.

The landscape department is a division of the Public Works Department headed by Lt. R. C. Lipman (CEC USNR.

Ro-bomb Attacks on U. S. 'Possible' Say Experts

Washington (CNS)—Robot bomb attacks on the continental U. S. are "entirely possible," the War and Navy Departments disclosed recently, answering questions raised by stateside newspapers. Such attacks, a joint statement said, "might be launched from submarines lying offshore or from one-way sacrifice flights of long-range bombers controlled across the Atlantic by submarine. It is also possible that attacks might be launched from catapult-plane tenders. It is extremely possible that such attacks could entirely elude Allied sea and air patrols."

First WAVE: "What's a military objective, Helen."

Second WAVE: "Just walk past those Marines in front of ship's service—you'll find out."

Cantor Show A Sellout

The staff and patients packed the auditorium to attend the Eddie Cantor show recently held under the auspices of the Victory Committee.

Luckily the patients in plaster casts restrained themselves from full belly-laughs or the cast room would have been over-taxed immediately after the hour and fifteen minute fun-packed show.

Cantor sang many of his favorites from hit shows that his name and acting ability had pushed to box office successes.

Adding spice to the program were Bert Gordon, the mad Russian; Nora Martin, a new Cantor find—lovely of face and voice; Leonard Sues, who put forth on the trumpet; Harry Bendoza, tops among magicians, who both amused and amazed his audience, and Betty Carpenter, who accompanied the cast on the piano.

Ward-confined patients were not forgotten. Eddie and his troupe visited three wards where they autographed as well as entertained for the boys.

HOSPITAL ORCHESTRA ON THE BEAM

The hospital orchestra played eight dates during the past month, putting forth with danceable tunes that brought them the plaudits of audiences from Long Beach to Hollywood.

In addition to two dances on the compound, the boys played six outside dates which included the Army and Navy YMCA of Long Beach, the Long Beach Servicemen's Center and the Hollywood Canteen.

Sign in a tailor shop: "Hats altered to fit any promotion."

Wave News

By Doris Shelp, PhM2/c

We all want you to meet Salty, our new mascot. We think he's quite a pup, don't you?

Word has been received that a new specially designed women's garrison cap has been authorized as an optional hat. It will be made of gray seersucker or blue serge and may be worn on or off the station. Official notice will be issued when we can start wearing them. We all hope the stores will soon have them for we are anxious to get into new hats.

Another change is the new authorized sleeve markings. The markings of diagonal stripes three-sixteenths of an inch wide and two inches long. Seamen and Hospital Apprentices, second class, will wear two stripes, and Seamen and Hospital Apprentices, first class, will wear three stripes. The stripes are to be worn on the left sleeve between the shoulder and the elbow in the same position as the rating badge. The specialty marks shall be worn on the left sleeve centered immediately above the rectangular background of the Seaman ratings. All Hospital Apprentices will wear the specialty mark of the Hospital Corps.

Some of us are still anxiously waiting to hear more about going overseas. We have heard that some of the girls in this area are to be in San Francisco December 1 for further orders.

Four girls have left for other stations recently. Laura McAndrews, HA2/c, will work in Physiotherapy in San Diego, and Lucille Sims, PhM3/c, is going to Low Pressure Chamber School in San Diego. Mary Hogan, PhM3/c, and Iavere (Root) Aulie, Ph2/c, are both working in the laboratory at the Corona Naval Hospital.

Ethel Anderson, HA1/c, of St. Charles, Illinois, reported here from Washington, D. C. She is under instructions for Property and Accounting.

Send Your Aorta Home

Telephone service continued uninterrupted as this picture of the hospital telephone operators was taken. When it is considered that these girls handle about 50 calls per minute during the working day on two switchboards—you know that they are really "on the ball." The girls say that the most humorous thing that ever happened in the office was when one of their number plugged in and answered, "This is the U. S. Naval 'Headache'," purely by mistake, of course. The girls seated at the boards are Mildred Levis (left) and Grayce Tinsley, civil employees. The WAVE members of the crew are, from left to right: Betty Kaiser, PhM3/c, Marian Cardella, PhM3/c Patty Robison, PhM3/c, Georgia Coffey, HA1/c, and Rosemary Broyl, PhM3/c.

Nurses' Log

By Ens. Marion Ahlquist (NC) USNR

Another month gone by! The month of November had the nurses buzzing about getting ready for a party. A huge success, of course. A "Thank You" to all of our guests. It was a great pleasure having you with us for a visit in our comfortable quarters.

But mixed with our joy and carefree atmosphere was the note of "Farewell" to our Chief Nurse, Miss Lynch, who will resume her duties on a hospital ship. Bon voyage, Miss Lynch and Miss Border. We all wish you "smooth sailing." We will miss you and express our appreciation for all that you did to make life pleasant for us.

We all know that with every "good-bye" in the Navy, there is a corresponding "hello." Welcome, Miss Olson. May your new duties as our Chief Nurse be a pleasure to you.

This seems to be the time of the year when orders begin to arrive. We are saying "good-bye" daily. To those of you who are arriving, welcome. As for those of you who are leaving—we are all wishing we could go, too, but for now—"We shall be seeing you; wishing you all a pleasant tour of duty at your new stations.

To those girls who have chosen another career, namely that of matrimony, congratulations and much happiness, from your Long Beach shipmates.

Hollypark Entertains Patients

Racing fans among the patients of this hospital have been entertained one day out of each week of the current racing season by the Hollywood Turf Club. Fifty boys have been selected for the event which included a luncheon at the Turf Club.

The patients have enjoyed themselves to the utmost due to the generosity of Mr. J. F. MacKenzie, manager of Hollywood Park. Mr. Jack Beaman and Mr. Leo J. (Hap) O'Connor (of the press box) are to be thanked for their efforts in making these jaunts possible.

On 29 November the jockeys, headed by "Hap" O'Connor, "Broadway Bill" and Bert Thompson (of the Jockeys' Guild), visited Wards C-3 and B-3 in the hospital. The boys enjoyed their visit and said, "It is a greater thrill to be here than to ride a winner in a Derby."

The patients beseiged the jockeys with questions, but the leading question was, "Who's going to win the 5th tomorrow?"

Among the visiting jockeys were Charles Ralls, Ralph Neves, R. Donoso, L. M. Jones, H. S. Jones, C. Bianco and Firman.

Grand Falls, Mont. (CNS)—"Dinner's ready, dear," Mrs. Frank Rogers called to her husband, who was repairing the roof. Mr. Rogers responded rapidly. He fell through the roof and the ceiling, landing in his regular place at the dining room table.

Patti Searles, PhM2/c, of the Staff Office, accepts a pup which was sired by "Daisy," the movie dog. Actress Janet Blair, Columbia Pictures star, made the presentation. The pup has been named "Salty" as a result of a terrific contest in the WAVE quarters—where the lucky fellow is put-up.

William Abshire, S2/c, talented hospital patient, is seen above doing a crayon sketch which was used as part of the decor at the nurses' Thanksgiving party. Abshire, who attend Kansas City Art Institute, helped on layouts for the current issue of the AORTA.

San Diego (CNS) — Police here are seeking a couple of high pressure sailors who sold a bottle of bay rum to two youths as "rare old Jamaica rum." The youths, who drank half the bottle, will survive, doctors say.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Dolores Lozana awakened with a start. She thought she saw a "thin man" standing at the foot of her bed. She screamed and kicked at the intruder savagely—and fractured her toe on the bedpost.

Red Cross Notes

Having achieved a seven-fold growth in membership, the Red Cross Gray Lady Corps will celebrate its third Christmas of service on this hospital compound.

Without the five Gray Ladies who contributed freely of both time and materials back in 1941, that Christmas would have been a bleak day for the nurses, corpsmen and patients assigned here. The hospital did not open until the fifteenth of December, yet in the ten intervening days these volunteers provided and decorated trees for the nurses and corpsmen; decorated all the tables in the mess hall with greens, and distributed presents to every patient on Christmas morning. Of the five original Gray Ladies, four are still active members of the corps.

This Christmas a group of 35 Gray Ladies will be aboard to see that gifts are distributed to patients, WAVES and corpsmen; to assist in decorating trees in the wards, and to give the auditorium a festive appearance for the holiday season. These tasks will be done in addition to their regular duties of covering the wards daily except Sunday, writing letters, shopping, running errands, teaching crafts and generally making the days of each patient more cheerful.

Typical of the appreciation shown by patients is the following excerpts from a letter received by a Gray Lady at this hospital: "My dear Gray Lady: I want this letter to carry a thought to you. If I were to meet you face to face I am afraid I would not recognize you. You were just simply a Gray Lady. It was simply what you were doing, the attention that you gave me, and the manner in which you did it that has remained with me. Very few of us are able by our acts to detach the "personal" from our contacts. The Gray Lady, as I see her, has been able to do this. You may well be proud of what you are doing.

You took an hour of my time which was monotonous, dreary and drab, and you made it interesting, pleasant and stimulating. That was a very hard thing to do for a man who was in a little pain, and filled with self-pity.

May I tell you, at this time, that I tried my darndest to shoo you away? You see—I was blind.

I thank whatever gods there may be that I was unable to. I want you to know that as I live the remainder of my life, I will do a kind thing—a worthy thing simply because I had the privilage of meeting a Gray Lady." (Name of patient withheld).

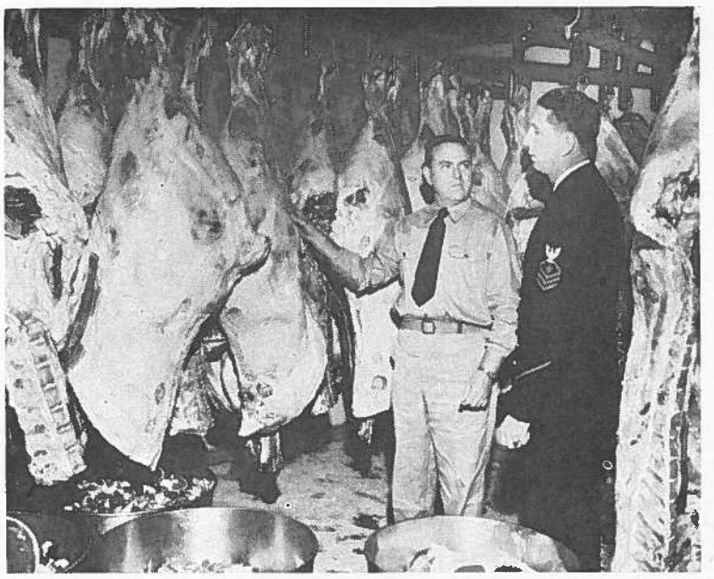
Edna Luttrell, American Red Cross social worker, was transferred to the U. S. Naval Convalescent Hospital at Yosemite on 4 December 1944, where she will serve as field director. Inez McCabe replaces Miss Luttrell.

"Bertha" A Success

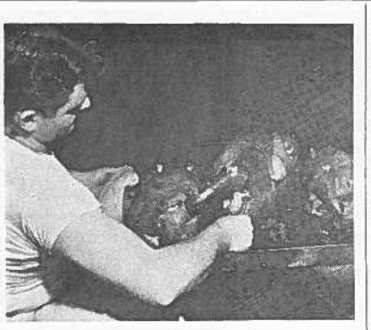
"Bertha, the Beautiful Typewriter Girl," an old-fashioned "Meller-drama," was presented by the Cabrillo Players on 28 November in the auditorium.

The gay 90's lived once again as "our hero" foiled the "villain," who muttered, "curses," as he slunk snakily away.

BUY WAR BONDS



Not taken in a packing house, but in the well-stocked meat cooler of the hospital commissary, the picture above shows Lt. J. L. Mullen (HC) USN, Commissary Officer (left), and M. E. Larson, CPhM, assistant to the Commissary Officer, inspecting meat. This cooler holds 8,000 pounds of choice cuts of meat for hospital rations.



Dexter E. Kinnard, SC1/c, of the Commissary, is seen above testing some of the Thanksgiving turkeys recently voraciously consumed at this hospital.

Taking them out by the dozen is Grover Best, SC3/c. The turkeys can't help but be tender after the conscientious galley crew gets through working them over.

Tempting morsels for patients on special diets are prepared by nurses on duty in the diet kitchen of the Commissary. Marie C. Gardiner, Lt. (jg) USNR (foreground) is in charge. Busily weighing portions is Ens. Paula M. Cook (NC) USNR (center), and adding a plate to an already appetizing tray is Ens. Rose A. Yonker (NC) USN.

Commissary Department

The Commissary Department is directly in charge of Lt. J. L. Mullen (HC) USN, who is assigned to that duty by the commanding officer. Under the supervision of the commanding and executive officers he directs the work of the department and is responsible for its proper administration. His duties are closely related to other departments for he has maintenance problems in keeping the department equipment operating, budget and accounting problems in ordering, receiving and accounting for supplies. He must also keep in constant touch with the personnel section in order to know the number of rations to prepare.

The commissary officer is also in charge of all personnel assigned to the Commissary Department, which includes those located in the nurses' quarters.

The Commissary Department is the largest department in this naval hospital. The cost of operation, exclusive of salaries, is equal to all other departments combined. Therefore, the commissary officer must be an efficient administrator. He must present a pleasing variety in the bills of fare from day to day, taking advantage of favorable market conditions in order to do this economically.

At present there are 13 hospital corpsmen under instruction in the department and their efficiency in future assignments is also the responsibility of the commissary officer.

Here's where the ice cream comes from! Grace DesVoigne, civilian employee of the commissary, tends the machine above which turns out an average of 160 gallons of the luscious stuff per day.

This department is divided into a number of smaller departments, such as: 1, ordering, receiving, storage and accounting which is under the supervision of Chief PhM M. E. Larsen; 2, preparation and serving of all food in general mess which is under the supervision of S. L. Higgins, SC1/c; 3, preparation and serving of all special diets which is under the direct supervision of M. C. Gardner, Lt. (jg) NC USN.

Space does not permit listing all the work performed in each section of these departments, such as preparation of foods, the variety of diets necessary for feeding in a hospital such as this, proper storage, inspection of provisions upon receiving, accounting and numerous other duties.

It is absolutely essential that all these departments cooperate to the fullest extent in order to operate at maximum efficiency. Waste is one of the great bugaboos of any commissary department and cooperation of all personnel attached to the station or activity is necessary for its elimination. One way we have of combating waste is by self serving in the mess line and the suggestion to "Take all you want and eat all you take."

Good Jobs After War Predicted for Seabees

Washington (CNS)—The training Seabees receive should qualify them for good jobs after the war, Cdr. S. E. Mitler told a recent meeting of the American Merchant Marine Conference.

With American Foreign Trade after the war likely to be plentiful, Cdr. Mitler said, there should be ample opportunity in the ranks of longshoremen for Seabees "who have already proven their worth and properly served their apprenticeship."

Muncie, Ind. (CNS) — Indignant when a cop threatened to arrest her as a jaywalker, a local lady flattened the officer with a blow from her umbrella. She's in the pokey now.

Minneapolis (CNS) — In a fit of whimsy Lester Mark bought six watermelons at a fruit stand, then smashed each on the sidewalk. Later he smilingly paid a $15 fine on an intoxication charge.

Navy Flier Shoots Down 9 Planes in 1½ Hours

Philippines (CNS)—In 1 hour and 35 minutes of aerial combat during the early stages of the battle with the Jap fleet, Cdr. David McCampbell, of Los Angeles shot down nine enemy planes, plus two "probables."

The remarkable record raised Cdr. McCampbell's individual total to 30 enemy planes, and placed him among America's top-ranking aces. The 32-year-old flier leads an air group whose Hellcat squadron already is credited with shooting down 273 planes.

REMEMBER?

On May 14, 1940, the German Luftwaffe systematically destroyed the Dutch city of Rotterdam. On that same day, Robert Ley, leader of the Nazi Labor Front, broadcast to the world that it was Hitler's "irrevocable mission" to bring happiness to the world as he had brought happiness to Germany.

Doctor: "How's the patient this morning, nurse?"

Nurse: "I think he's regaining consciousness. This morning he tried to blow the foam off his medicine."

A DAY WITH X-RAY

"Emergency—wet reading" is how the X-ray department terms it when an ambulance pulls up at the admission ward and the attendants tenderly unload Johnnie Scuttlebutt, a new patient, who is sent up to the X-ray department after being received. A picture of some part of his anatomy will be needed to determine the "yes or no" that this man's medical officer wants to know before a definite diagnosis is given.

After being wheeled off the elevator on the 3rd deck our patient will encounter the dispatching desk where Mildred M. Allen, PhM3/c, H. Krieg, PhM3/c, F. F. Covello, HA1/c or W. E. Chadwick, PhM3/c, obtain data needed for future reference in the constantly consulted files. Later he will find that these same members of the staff manage the direction of each patient as he arrives, and log in patients examined during the day.

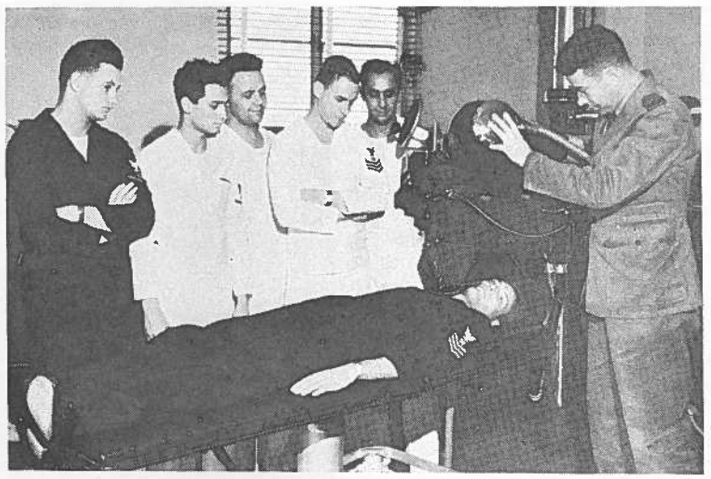
Should Johnnie have a fractured leg, spine or skull he would most likely be met in Room No. 19 by A. E. Felsenthal, PhM1/c, J. E. Beck, PhM1/c, R. H. Schneider, HA2/c, or C. E. Sonntag, HA1/c. In this room general radiographic work is done with a large 500 milliampere capacity rotating anode X-ray machine capable of taking any part of the body desired. Also installed in this room is a special apparatus for making upright examinations, particularly of the chest.

Lt. S. A. Patterson (MC) USN, and A. J. Nunn, CPhM USNR, are seen above busily engaged at the view box in the X-ray Department. Approximately 21,000 X-ray photos were examined on this viewer during the yast year.

Some place along the way Johnnie will meet R. E. Loftin, PhM1/c, who is MAA, or Chief Nunn, both of whom are constantly circulating through the department to supervise and help the technicians or teach the students.

From the radiograph room the exposed film is sent through the bulkhead pass-box where it is processed in a well equipped dark room by G. J. Hanna, PhM2/c, E. W. Ebert, PhM3/c, and J. F. Apperson, PhM3/c. In the case of Johnnie Scuttlebutt's picture the dark room technicians are informed that it is an emergency. Special attention is given his film so that it will be available for study while still wet from the developing process. This speed will expedite treatment of Johnnie's medical condition.

Those patients who are scheduled for gastro-intestinal, barium enema, lipiodal chest studies or bone measurement examinations are sent to the fluoroscopic rooms, numbers 22 and 23, where Drs. Gates and Patterson with the aid of K. M. Mulkeen, PhM1/c, S. Apple, HA1/c, P. A. Olivero, PhM3/c, and C. M. Campbell, PhM3/c take advantage of X-ray and its diagnostic values.



Some of the members of the X-ray Department are interested spectators as Lt. Patterson demonstrates the technique in deep therapy treatment to the neck of Lowell H. Nienstedt, SK1/c, hospital patient. The staff members, from left to right, are: W. R. Schack, PhM3/c, Peter A. Olivero, PhM3/c, Roy E. McCawley, PhM3/c, Bob Frager, PhM1/c, and Robert I. Sansome, PhM3/c.

The intricate and accurate system of filing X-ray films inaugurated by CPhM Nunn will be found in the hands of W. R. Schack, PhM3/c, C. L. Pearl, HA1/c, and Vivian A. Davis, PhM3/c. A reading room, adjacent to the film room, is equipped with viewing lights for use in consultations and comparisons of previous films with the current ones by ward Medical Officers.

A crew including H. Krieg, PhM 3/c, R. H. Schneider, HA2/c, R. D. Lester, PhM3/c, P. A. Lethin, HA 1/c, and V. D. Ester, PhM3/c, is assigned to the portable X-ray equipment used for the examination of patients whose condition will not permit their removal to the department.

Reports on "read" films are dictographically prepared by I. MacMeekin, PhM2/c, and delivered to the Ward of Johnnie Scuttlebutt for the use of his Medical Officer.

X-RAY THERAPY

Many tasks are ascribed to the men of the Navy, but the one of harnessing thousands of volts and the supervision of their conversion to X-rays in quantities for therapeutic dosage drawn from the big Westinghouse Quadrocondex, 200,000-volt capacity machine, is one of exactness, accuracy and a job for the trained minds of Comdr. R. G. Gates, Lt. S. A. Patterson, and their capable assistants: R. F. Frager, PhM1/c, R. I. Sansone, PhM3/c and R. W. McCawley, PhM3/c.

Designation of the Long Beach Naval Hospital as the tumor center on this coast effects the transfer of patients with such a diagnosis from far and near to this hospital. The presence of this type of patient has put no light task upon the shoulders of the medical officers of the department who, with the aid of their assistants, perform all of the deep and superficial treatment. Last month the deep therapy department carried on treatment of 114 current patients. They also added 13 new cases to their roster, making a total of 127 patients to whom various high voltage X-ray therapeutic procedures were administered during the course of the month.

A board of Medical Officers—the Tumor Board—who convene to study and treat patients suffering from cancer and tumors, checks over and confers about the welfare of these patients before and during deep X-ray therapy administration.

Superficial X-ray therapy deals mainly with skin diseases such as eczema, acne and fungus infections. Most of these patients are sent to the department by the Dermatologist, Lt. F. N. Tyroler.

In addition to the deep therapy patients, 284 current cases were treated with the superficial therapy machine with X-ray for various skin diseases. 159 new patients were added to the enrollment, making a total of 443 superficial therapeutic procedures.

Some 570 patients, including those sent from nearby ships and stations who have access to the services of the department three afternoons per week, were treated in this period.

X-RAY SCHOOL

Under the able direction of Comdr. Russell G. Gates (MC) USNR, the Long Beach Naval Hospital School of X-ray ranks high among the Navy Technical Schools of the nation, according to those who are conversant with the subject. Conforming to a strict war schedule, the school prepares general duty corpsmen for specialized X-ray work in five months. On completion of the course their duty may be at another hospital or in a combat area. During instruction each man is schooled in technical X-ray physics, electricity, the intricate make-up of equipment, their various types and their results under the different phases and conditions in which X-ray is being used in military medicine.

The students' conception of practical application of safety measures, readographic technique and the actual positioning of the patient have become the direct responsibility of R. F. Loftin, PhM1/c, who personally conducts these classes under the supervision of CPhM J. S. Nunn, senior technician of the department.

Conforming with the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery course of instruction each man receives at least 960 hours of instruction, both didactic and practical, covering the following subjects: Roentgenology, dark room procedures, radiographic technique, special procedures and office routine. In addition, Lt. Steward A. Patterson (MC) USN, conducts a class in anatomy and physiology in order that each man understands preparatory positioning by means of anatomical land marks. This course is a complete "break-down" of the bones, joints, and organs with "spot-lighting" of the many processes, junctions and protuberances encountered in orthopedic and medical X-ray studies of the body.

In conclusion it may be pointed out that the staff of the X-ray department follows the axiom that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Recreational activities on the outside are participated in by all members of the department at varied group affairs. They have fun on their liberties, which leads to congenial, yet serious working hours while aboard.

Humerus

By Rigor Mortis

I'll travel a lot in the Navy,
But no matter where I roam
One thing I'll try to do
Is beat my dog tag home.

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First MAA: "So your prisoner got away? Didn't you guard the exits?"
Second MAA: "Yes, he must have gone out one of the entrances."

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Sailor: "What do you do when a customer forgets his change?"
Clerk: "I tap on the counter with a dollar bill."

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Sailor: "Do you serve women at this bar?"
Bartender: "Naw! Ya gotta bring your own!"

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First WAVE: "I wonder what sailors talk about when they're alone?"
Second WAVE: "Probably the same things we do."
First WAVE: "Oh, aren't they awful!"

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Sailor: "A fellow just picked my pocket."
Officer: "What did he get?"
Sailor: "Practice."

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Wife: "Haven't you anything nice to say about my mother?"
Husband: "Yes, she objected to our marriage."

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Sailor: "Shall we sit in the parlor?"
Gal: "No, I'm too tired. Let's play badminton."

10,490 Go to Jail As Draft Dodgers

New York (CNS)—Of a total of 417,677 cases of asserted draft delinquency investigated by the FBI during the 4 years since the Selective Service Act became law, 10,490 resulted in criminal convictions.

That was disclosed recently by E. E. Conroy, special agent in charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A large percentage (estimated to number between 15,000 and 200,000) of those investigated later entered the armed services. The remainder either cleared themselves with their draft boards or were disqualified for physical reasons.

Send Your Aorta Home

SPORTS

Corpsmen Basketball

After getting off to a slow start the hospital basketball team is now hitting its stride. The end of the season should see our team right up among the leaders of the league.

At the present time the team is in two leagues; namely, the Industrial League and the Recreation League. The team is in second place in the Industrial League having won three games and lost one. In the Recreation League—having played some of the same teams more than once—the team has lost three games and has been the victor in one.

In the past few weeks the team has shown great improvement, and at the end of the season hopes to garner another championship trophy for the hospital.

On 4 January the hospital will open its N.O.B. basketball season against the El Toro Marines. The game is to be played at Laguna High School. Transportation is available to all who wish to attend the game.

The roster of the team is as follows: Apperson, Schouweiler, Dowd, Kerns, Sparrow, Flournoy, Jenson, Lee, Winkler, Dustin, Blake, Nadel and Chartrand.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

The intramural basketball tournament started on 18 December.

The hospital will be divided into four divisions as follows: Medical, Administration, Surgery and Officers. Personnel in these departments who are interested in taking part may turn their names in to the Athletic Office in the Walker Building as a roster with others from the same department, or they may sign the announcements that appear on the bulletin boards.

Round robin will be the method of play for the tournament, and the games will be played on the tennis court east of the Corps Quarters.

Be sure to look for the schedule of play that will be passed through the hospital.

In answer to an inquiry the department of intercollegiate athletics of the University of Southern California states, "Under the Rose Bowl game policy there are no complimentary service admissions."

The closing date for reservations was 5 December. Those desiring to attend the game will have to procure their tickets through regular channels.

Wave Basketball

The Wave basketball season will open officially the first week in January. In the interim the girls have been playing a practice game each week. Although their showing—from the standpoint of winning games—hasn't been too good, the improvement in the team has been more marked than that of the men's team. Bythe time the season opens they should be able to put a fairly good team on the floor.

The spirit of the team is excellent, and that goes a long way in the winning of basketball games. The game of 6 December proved that a great deal of progress has been made along this line.

Support from the sidelines has been lacking, and a team is at a disadvantage when it goes on the floor without the feeling that their friends are encouraging them.

So, come on, corpsmen, let's give the girls some support!

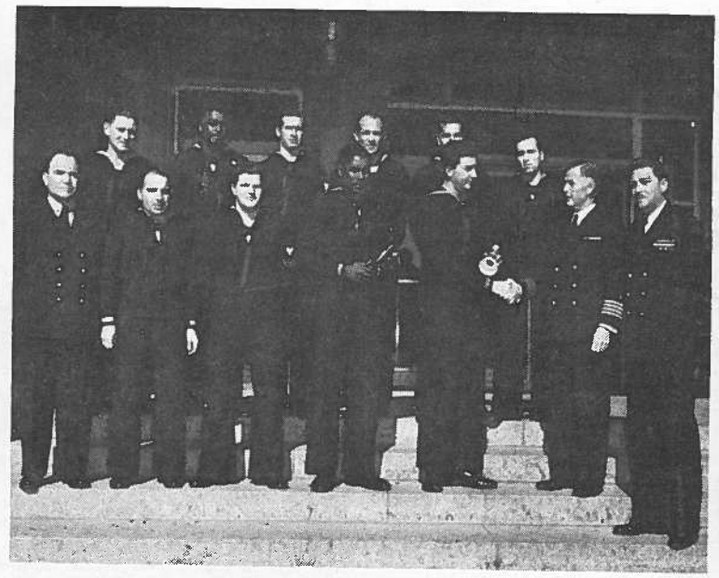
The team roster is as follows: Parkis, Hubbard, Torrow, Isherwood, Ebaugh, Armstrong, Rogers, Hanna, Cofield, Dunwell, Cherry, Jewel, Speckman, Wilbur and Bull.

Patient's Brother Nazi Prisoner

When Edward Louis Baade, F1/c, patient on B-3, received a letter from his mother stating that his brother's picture had appeared in the October copy of the Red Cross Prisoners of War bulletin, Baade asked the Red Cross worker to obtain a copy of the magazine for him. The bulletin was brought to Baade, he quickly found the picture on page 3 and identified his brother as the sixth person from the end in the back row of a group of unidentified prisoners held in Stalag B III in Germany. Baade told the Red Cross social worker that his brother, Pfc. Ray Baade of the U. S. Army Infantry, had been captured in the Italian campaign on February 5th, 1944. His family was notified that he was missing and they knew nothing of his fate until his mother received a postcard from him from a prison camp in Germany through the International Red Cross almost six months later.

Although only 19 years of age Pfc. Baade had served in both the African and Italian Campaigns and had participated in several beachhead landings.

Pfc. Baade has been corresponding with his family more or less regularly since the first contact with them was established. He writes that he is fairly treated and that the food is adequate. He says that the Red Cross food packages are received regularly—one each week, and do a lot to keep the prisoners from getting really hungry. His brother thought that the prisoner looked much thinner than when he last saw him but otherwise seemed quite well and in good spirits.



Pictured above are the members of our champion hospital softball team. The occasion was for a presentation of a gold sofeball trophy to each team member as a mement of the Industrial League championship. The team members are from left to right, front row: H. LeFebvre, SCp(A), F. F. Covello, HA2/c, J. E. Elitchko, PhM2/c, E. A. Sparrow, PhM3/c, and B. D. Fanning, HA2/c; back row: J. M. Crandall, PhM2/c, J. C. Perdue, PhM3/c, L. A. Rasner, Sp(A)2/c, M. C. Patrick, HA1/c, C. L. Pearl, HA2/c, and H. A. Johnson, HA2/c. The awards were presented by Capt. P. M. Albright, our Commanding Officer, and Lt. (jg) C. S. Donner, Welfare and Recreation Officer.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Lt. (jg) Virginia L. Dougherty, (W), USNR reported 11 December for duty with the Educational Services Office, after being on temporary duty at the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Miss Dougherty was formerly with the American Red Cross as Recreation Officer, having been appointed a Lieut. (jg) in the Waves in the spring of this year.

Lieut. Sam P. Benbrook, MC, USNR, reported for duty 12 December. He comes from the Pacific Theater.

Lieut. W. L. Neal, MC, USNR, reported for duty 1 November from the USNH, Corona, Calif.

Lt. (jg) Marguerite F. Horgan SC(W), USNR, reported for duty on 23 October, replacing Lt. (jg) Betty Bishop Williams SC(W), US NR, who was tranferred to the Naval Receiving Barracks, Shoemaker, California. . . . Miss Horgan was formerly attached to the Navy V-12 Unit, DePauw University, at Greencastle, Indiana.

Lt. (jg) Dan O. Henry, C(L), US NR, reported for duty 11 November 1944, coming from the District Communications Office, Philadelphia, Pa. He is to be the Assistant Welfare and Recreation Officer for staff personnel at this hospital.

Lieut. Eugene Stevens, HC, USN, reported for duty 15 November 1944 from the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. He is relieving Lieut. Garrett B. Aykroyd, HC, USN, as the Property and Accounting Officer of this hospital. Lieut. Aykroyd has been detached and will report to the Commanding Officer of the Nat'l. Nav. Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., for duty under instruction.

Lieut. C. A. Adelmann, HC, USN, detached 16 November 1944 to report to the Commandant, 7th Naval District, for duty in the Office of the District Medical Officer. Mr. Adelmann has been serving as Administrative Assistant to the Commanding Officer of this hospital since the hospital was commissioned.

Lt. (jg) J. M. Haight, MC, USNR, who interned at this hospital was detached to report to the Commander, Fleet Operational Training Command, for assignment with APA's.

Lieut. Wm. F. Nolan, D(L), US NR, reported for duty on 17 November 1944, from the Naval Training Center, Sampson, New York. He is acting as the Physical Training Officer (patients) of this hospital.

Comdr. E. B. Coyl, MC, USNR, detached 20 November 1944 to report to the U. S. Naval Convalescent Hospital, Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, Calif. He will serve as Executive Officer of that activity.

Lieut. Stuart C. Knox, MC, USNR, reported this date from the USNH, Philadelphia, Pa. He has been assigned to the Neuropsychiatric Service.

Commander L. H. Tenney, MC, USNR, detached 29 November 1944 to report to the Commanding Officer of the USS RELIEF. Comdr. Tenney has been serving as Head of the Neuropsychiatric Department while here.

Captain A. Soiland, MC, USNR, was released from active duty on 13 December 1944. Captain Soiland has been Assistant Inspector, Medical Department Activities, Pacific Coast, with headquarters at the USNH, Long Beach.

Chief Pharmacist A. A. Marcoux, USN, Officer in Charge of the Care of the Dead, was detached and released from active duty on 12 December 1944.

These two officers have made many friends in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, and it is with regret we say "Good-bye" at this time. However, it is sincerely hoped they will ofen return and see old friends who are going to miss them.